

Sign Up for Debris Removal:

To sign your property up for debris removal, use your smartphone to follow the QR code below and download U.S. EPA's agreement form (also available on the back of this fact sheet):



[<https://bit.ly/3zZOPPt>]

Once completed, please return the form in one of three ways:

- 1) **Scan and email your form** to Kirstin Safakas, EPA Community Liaison, at safakas.kirstin@epa.gov;
- 2) **Take a photo with your smartphone and text your form** to Kirstin at 312-919-4621; or
- 3) **Hand-deliver your form** to Beth Fields at Richmond City Hall, 50 N. 5th Street, Richmond

To learn more about EPA's response, follow the QR code below:



[response.epa.gov/MyWayTradingWarehouse]

To learn more about asbestos-containing materials, follow the QR code below:



[epa.gov/asbestos]

Questions? Need Assistance?

Call the Richmond Community Helpline:
765-973-9300

Register for Wayne County
Emergency Management Agency alerts:
local.nixle.com/register/

EPA Begins Debris Removal from My Way Warehouse Fire

Richmond, Indiana

April 2023



Photo taken on April 14 as crews extinguished flames from the My Way Trading Warehouse fire in Richmond, Indiana.

On April 13, debris sample results from the fire in Richmond, Indiana confirmed the presence of asbestos-containing material. EPA is working with asbestos professionals to safely remove this debris in both Indiana and Ohio. Individuals who suspect debris may be on their property should call the Richmond Community Helpline [see sidebar, bottom] to register their information. A member of the EPA will reach out to gather additional data and add your property to a debris collection list. A form giving EPA permission to access your property, available for download at the first QR code [see sidebar, top], will need to be filled out and returned to EPA prior to contractors coming on-site.

It is essential not to remove or disturb any debris believed to be from the fire as these materials may contain asbestos, a substance that releases microscopic fibers when disturbed. Follow the third QR code to learn more about asbestos and asbestos-containing materials.

What is asbestos-containing material?

Asbestos fibers were used in various building insulation materials until the 1980s. These microscopic fibers may be released into the environment if the material becomes damaged. As the material is disturbed, the fibers may be inhaled and settle in the lining of the lungs.

Why does some debris contain asbestos?

Various building materials that burned in the fire contained asbestos. Due to the weightless nature of the substance, these materials were lifted into the air as the smoke rose and fell back to the ground as debris.

Does all debris contain asbestos?

No. Debris contains many different types of materials, some of which may include asbestos. Because all debris *has the potential* to contain asbestos, it is important that a trained professional remove all materials suspected to be from the fire.

What should I do if there is debris on my property?

It is very important that you do not disturb the debris by moving it, mowing over it, or attempting to dispose of it. Please call the Richmond Community Helpline to report the suspected debris and register your information with EPA so that the agency's asbestos professionals can safely remove it.

**CONSENT FOR ACCESS TO PROPERTY
MY WAY TRADING WAREHOUSE FIRE
RICHMOND, INDIANA**

Property Owner: _____

Property Tenant (if applicable): _____

Address/Location of Property: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I consent to officers, employees, contractors, and authorized representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("U.S. EPA") entering and having continued access to the property, at the address identified above for the following purposes:

- Select, prepare, and dispose of presumed asbestos containing material from the fire at the plastics recycling plant located at 308, 310, and 358 NW F Street, Richmond, Indiana 47375.

I realize that these actions taken by U.S. EPA are undertaken pursuant to its response and enforcement responsibilities under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601-9675.

This written permission is given by me voluntarily, on behalf of myself and all other co-owners of this property, with knowledge of my right to refuse and without threats or promises of any kind.

Date

Signature of Property Owner

Signature of Tenant (if applicable)